GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO KOREA CENTRE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indo-Korea Centre has been set up;

(b) if so, whether this Centre will promote mutually beneficial relationship between India and Korea through trade, education and cultural exchange;

(c) if so, whether any concrete steps in this regard have been worked out;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent of increase in trade between the two countries in recent years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V.KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a), (b), (c) & (d)

No, Sir. A private Korean organisation called Indo-Korea Centre was set up in August 2000 with headquarters in Seoul.It reportedly has two representatives in India. The Centre is not yet operational. Neither the Korean Government nor the Government of India have any association with the Centre.

(e) India-Korea bilateral trade increased from Rs.5460.74 crores in 1997-98 to Rs.7150.23 crores in 1998-99.Bilateral trade declined slightly to Rs.7109.67 crores in 1999-2000.